

Appreciation

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Please add my thanks for  
work on this project.  
He has represented the Agency  
well!

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Att: Ltr to C/LS/OTE fr Director,  
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## PROJECT OPT

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[redacted] Chief of Testing at the Language School, recently served as Workshop Consultant in German and Russian for the PROJECT OPT workshop in oral proficiency testing held during the first week of January at the University of New Hampshire. As Director of PROJECT OPT, a federally-funded research study in foreign language oral proficiency evaluation, I want you to know how pleased I was with [redacted] contribution to the workshop and the project.

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The five-day intensive workshop was attended by twenty-five professors of French, Spanish, German and Russian, representing fifteen colleges and universities in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and New York. [redacted] was responsible for directing the sessions for the German and Russian teachers during the long hours of practice interview and rating sessions. In the words of one participant: "the chance to meet him was a high point of the conference." In addition to his excellent command of the process, his ability to explain and motivate were frequently mentioned by participants.

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[redacted] involvement in the workshop was especially significant for two reasons in addition to his own personal contribution. The willingness of the Language School of the Central Intelligence Agency to share with the academic community the advances made over the past twenty years is a very positive step. This collaboration will have a positive influence on the teaching of foreign languages in our schools, colleges and universities. Our students, who are the future government, business and civic leaders, will develop increased awareness and competency with regard to foreign languages and cultures. Furthermore, for the first time, Russian and German were included in an ACTFL/ETS affiliated training workshop. Without the unique talents of Dr. Lowe, this could not have happened.

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I am grateful that [redacted] was able to share his considerable expertise with us. I commend you for encouraging cooperation among the various governmental, professional and academic agencies in the task of developing more effective ways to increase the linguistic competence of the American people.

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Sincerely yours. / /

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Director, PROJECT OPT

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